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All,

The AZ Republic reporter got pulled away on some other stories and just now has time to wrap up her piece on The Upper Animas. She has two follow up questions on the info we provided earlier this month.

1. "A technical review team including federal, state and mining engineering consultants will conduct a thorough evaluation of engineering and geologic data before a decision to shut in the R&B bulkhead long term is made."

Had the original plan been to shut the R&B bulkhead long-term? When and why was the decision made to do the technical review? What considerations would the team make in determining whether or not to shut the R&B bulkhead long-term? If the team determined not to shut it long term, what would that mean for the R&B bulkhead that has already been poured and placed? Why wouldn't there be a technical review prior to placing the bulkhead? When does the team plan to have their decision made?

2. And if water is coming out of the Gold King Mine, which, according to a topographic map I have on mine portal elevations, is at elevation 11,480, wouldn't that put the water level between the American Tunnel bulkheads at 812 feet if the American Tunnel is at the elevation of 10,668?

As a reminder, Steve Way and David Ostrander had the lede on the initial response, attached.

I'd like to turn this around by COB tomorrow if possible.

Thanks,

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